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'Tis the season to be jolly, and all that jazz. This also marks another year supporting our favorite computers, the Sinclair and Timex/Sinclair line of computers. Let us not abandon them after they have served us so faithfully over the years.



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TO:

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N.Y.T.S.E.

**NYTSE MEETING DATES HAVE
BEEN CHANGED!!! THEY NOW
MEET ON MONDAY THE WEEK
AFTER THE LIST MEETING AT:**

Miss Kim's Restaurant

Park Avenue South

(bet. 21st and 22nd Sts)

Meetings start at 7:30 PM

Coming Events:

December 8, 1991 - LIST meeting
at 2:00 PM

December 16, 1991 - NYTSE
meeting at 7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 1991

Harvey called the meeting to
order at 2:30 PM.

Harvey mentioned that we have
2 new members, one here from

the U.S.S.R. We would like to
welcome them both to our group.

Bob Gilder gave another one of his
great demonstrations. This time
he brought in one of his QLs with
an interface to connect a regular
IBM keyboard. I tried it out and
was pleasantly surprised at the
response and feel of the keys. It
seems worth having. Thanks, Bob.

Editorial

Please send in your articles. As
you notice, this is one of the
shortest LISTings we have seen in
a long time, and if the articles
don't come in, I'm afraid that this
is going to become the norm. It
takes work from all of us to keep
this newsletter a successful one.
Send in your articles and don't let
us down.

Classifieds:

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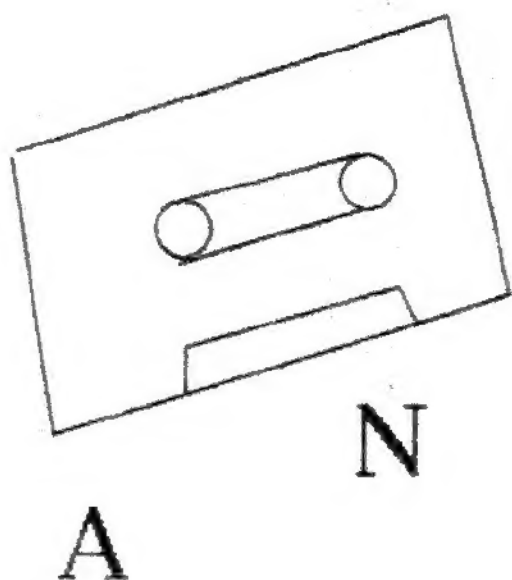
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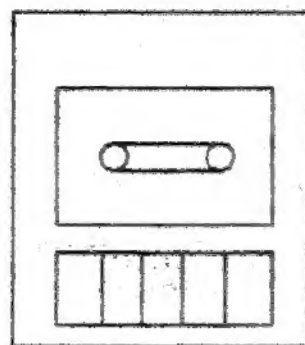


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c/o Harvey Rait

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC - FOR THE T/S 2068

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10 BORDER 4: PAPER 6: CLS : FOR A=0 TO 12
20 PRINT INK 1;"CHRISTMAS MUSIC";TAB 17; INK 3;"CHRISTMAS MUSIC":
NEXT A
30 PRINT AT 18,1; PAPER 5; "PRESS ""ENTER"" TO SELECT A SONG"
40 PAUSE 0
50 CLS : PRINT PAPER 5;"***** TABLE OF CONTENTS *****": PRINT "....."
60 FOR I=1 TO 3: RESTORE I*200+800: READ N$: PRINT I,TAB 4;N$: NEXT I
70 PRINT PAPER 5;AT 20,0;"ENTER THE NUMBER OF THE COMPOSITION
THAT YOU WANT TO PLAY"
80 INPUT N: CLS : LET Z$=""
90 RESTORE N*200+800:READ N$,T
100 CLS : PRINT PAPER 5;"***** NOW PLAYING *****";AT 21,0;"*****
NOW PLAYING *****"
110 PRINT AT 10,(31-LEN N$)/2;N$
120 PRINT PAPER 3; INK 7;AT 20,0;"TO STOP, PRESS ""SHIFT"" + ""BREAK"""
130 READ F,V: ON ERR GO TO 170
140 IF F<>99 THEN GO TO 160
150 PAUSE T/V*60: GO TO 130
160 BEEP T/V,F: GO TO 130
170 ON ERR RESET : IF Z$="2" THEN RESTORE N*200+810: GO TO 130
180 CLS : PAPER 7: PRINT AT 7,0; "PRESS ""1"" TO PLAY AGAIN. "
190 PRINT "PRESS ""2"" TO PLAY CONTINUOUSLY."
200 PRINT ;"PRESS ""0"" TO PLAY ANOTHER SONG. "
210 PAPER 6
220 PAUSE 0: LET Z$+INKEY$: IF Z$="1" OR Z$="2" THEN GO TO 90
230 IF Z$="0" THEN GO TO 50
1000 DATA "SILENT NIGHT",1.8
1010 DATA 7,8/3,9,8,7,4,4,4/3,7,8/3,9,8,7,4,4,4/3,14,2,14,4,11,4/3,12,2
,12,4,7,4/3,9,2,9,4,12,8/3,11,8,9,4,7,8/3
1020 DATA 9,8,7,4,4,4/3,9,2,9,4,12,8/3,11,8,9,4,7,8/3,9,8,7,4,4,4/3,14,2,
14,4,17,4,14,4,11,4,12,4/3,16,1,12,4
1030 DATA 7,4,4,4,7,4,5,4,2,4,0,1
1200 DATA "JINGLE BELLS",.8
1210 DATA 13,4,13,4,13,4,99,4,13,4,13,4,13,4,99,4,13,4,16,4,9,4,11,4,13,
4/3,99,4,14,4,14,4,14,4,14,4,14,4,13,4
1220 DATA 13,4,99,4,13,4,11,4,11,4,13,4,11,4,11,4,13,4,11,4,99,4,16,4,99,4,
13,4,13,4,13,4,99,4,13,4,13,4,13,4,99,4,13,4,16,4
1230 DATA 9,4,11,4,13,4/3,99,4,14,4,14,4,14,4,14,4,14,4,13,4,13,4,99,4,16,
4,16,4,14,4,11,4,9,4,99,4,21,4,99,4
1400 DATA "JOY TO THE WORLD",2.5
1410 DATA 24,4,23,5.33,21,16,19,2.67,17,8,16,4,14,4,12,8/3,19,8,21,2.67,
1420 DATA 17,16,16,8,24,8,24,8,23,8,21,8,19,8,19,5.33,17,16,16,8,16,
8,16,8,16,8,16,8,16,16,17,16,19,16/5,99,16,17,16,16,16,14,8
1430 DATA 14,8,14,8,14,16,16,16,17,16/5,99,16,16,16,14,16,12,8,2,4,4,21,
8,19,5.33,17,16,16,8,17,8,16,4,14,4,12,2

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Some Passing Thoughts On Success by Michael E. Carver

I have been using the CP/M emulator package, Success, on my QL with some success. I like to look on our beloved Sinclair computers as dinosaurs (excluding the Cambridge Z88). They certainly are a dying breed, though not quite extinct. CP/M is one of the older dinosaurs, as far as Operating Systems go. Therefore I find it quite fitting that I can run CP/M on my QL. There are two major plusses for CP/M - the wealth of programs and utilities available, and its portability. There are tons of Public Domain CP/M software available through mail order, or via local BBSs. However, there are also many varied CP/M systems out there and this can be the fly in the ointment.

COMPATIBILITY

Many of the CP/M programs available have been tailored to different systems (ie., Morrow, Zenith, Kaypro). All of these systems have different disk formats, and terminal (display) formats. Success contains a couple of disk formats (all British) and a mix of terminal emulators (a partial VT52 terminal). Included in the package is a program to help the user define different disk formats (the ability to read/write to different types of CP/M disks). I have had only a modicum of success in defining disk formats. My experience shows that the Zenith Z-100 DS:DD:48 is the most compatible with the SUCCESS package. This format has been the only one with which I have had complete success in both Read & Write capabilities. A number of other disk formats have given only partial results (read only). For the most part a great deal of tweaking was necessary to achieve this level of performance (ie., Morrow MD3 DS:DD:48 and TRS-80 Model 4 SS:DD:48).

With screen display and terminal emulation I have only received 100% results from Zenith configured programs. The IBM CP/M (B&W) and Kaypro terminal modes attained slightly less compatibility. The terminal problems usually apply to "programs" (ie., word processors, data bases, etc.). The many CP/M utilities I

have run under SUCCESS have all proven to work well under this environment. If you plan to take the Success CP/M plunge, please bear in mind the above limitations. I also recommend a fairly good book dealing with CP/M.

RAMDISK TIPS

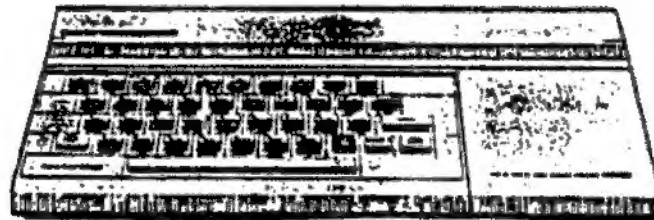
As CP/M is a highly disk-based operating system (ie., many commands, etc. are loaded from disk before execution), installing Success to run on a ramdisk can greatly enhance the speed of Success. However... Digital Precision's configuration program does not actually deliver on its promise to allow the user to boot up from ramdisk. I have included 2 Superbasic programs which will help attain proper ramdisk installation. Listing one should be merged into DP's CPMCONFIG.BAS and then saved back to disk. The added lines will successfully alter the disk block parameters in BDOS contained in Success_68000.exe, thus allowing boot-up from a ramdisk. Success uses a different format for reading a ram CPMFILES file, as opposed to floppy. The changes I have made will allow Success to read RAM as a floppy disk and not a ramdisk. Therefore it is necessary to transfer CPMFILES from the floppy disk to the ramdisk before executing Success. Listing 2 is a short boot program to do just that. (NOTE: Rename the Success boot program to a file called CPM_BOOT then save Listing 2 to your boot-up disk as "boot".)

LISTING 1:

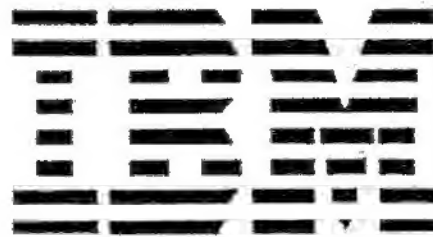
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100 base=RESPR(3318)
105 base2=RESPR(7884)
115 LBYTESfp1_success_68000_exe,
base2
245 FOR n=0 TO 2: POKE
(base2+7859+n).CODE(dev$(0+n,1)):POKE
(base2+7838+n).CODE(dev$(0+n,1)):POKE
(base+1436+n).CODE(dev$(0+n,1))
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This article will be continued in the January, 1992 issue of LISTING.

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ANY QUESTIONS?

 THE ZX-81/TS1000 COLUMN

 BY: FRED STERN

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 TECHNICAL TIDBITS PART I
 TECHNICAL TIDBITS PART II
 SAVINGS AND LOAD OF THE TIMEX
 COMPUTER.
 \$4.00 EACH PAYABLE TO LIST.

LOADING NOTES

 SAVINGS AND LOAD OF THE TIMEX
 COMPUTER HAS AN ARTICLES WHICH
 I HAVE MODIFIED AND USED TO
 GREATLY IMPROVE LOADING ON MY
 TS1000. I INSTALLED A (2) LED
 LOAD METER ON TO MY SUNTRONICS
 KEYBOARD. (SEE FIGURE 1 FOR
 SCHEMATIC AND PARTS LIST). ALL
 PARTS ARE OBTAINED FROM RADIO
 SHACK. FIGURE 2 SHOWS AN ALTER-
 NATE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAME LOAD
 METER IF YOU CAN NOT BUILD IT
 INTO YOUR COMPUTER.
 WHEN LOADING A PROGRAM, SET THE
 TAPE RECORDER VOLUME FOR THE
 GREEN LED TO BE BRIGHT, BUT THE
 RED LED TO BE DIM TO FLICKERING.

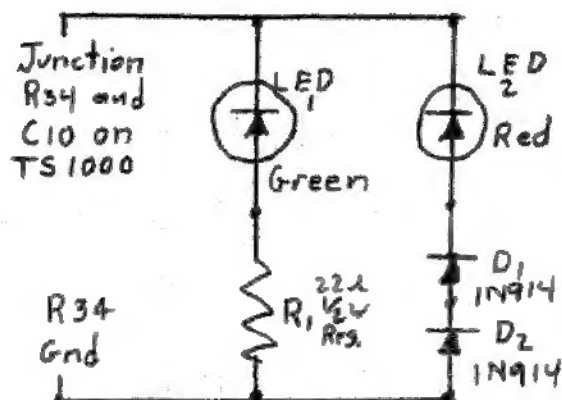


Fig 1

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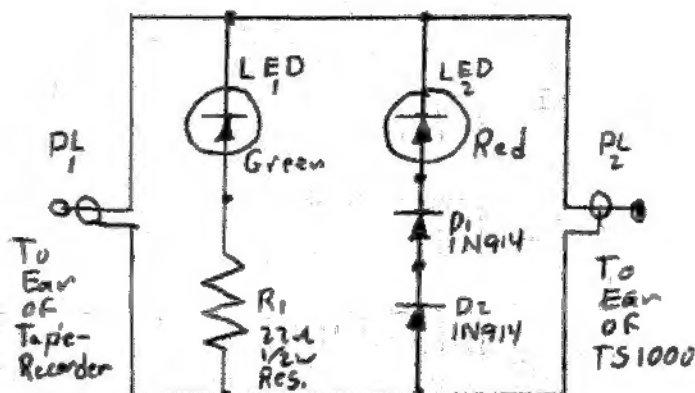


Fig 2

PARTS LIST

LED 1	GREEN LED	276-022
LED 2	RED LED	276-041
D1, D2	1N914 DIODES	276-1122
R1	22 OHM RES.	271-005
PL1, PL2	MINIPLUGS	274-286

NOTES

WITH EACH PART IS RADIO SHACKS
 PART NUMBER FROM THE 1992
 CATALOG.
 BOTH LEDS CAN BE MOUNTED WITH
 CHROME HOLDERS 276-080.
 THE CIRCUIT IN FIGURE 2 CAN BE
 BUILT IN ANY OF THE SMALLER
 ENCLOSURES ON PAGE 144 OF THE
 1992 CATALOG.
 USE SHIELDED MINI MIKE CABLE
 SUCH AS 278-510 TO CONNECT
 MINIPLUGS TO THE CIRCUIT IN
 FIGURE 2.



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5 REM TS-2068
10 REM Derby Day
20 GO SUB 9000
30 GO SUB 8000
40 FOR r=1 TO 5
50 CLS
60 PRINT AT 0,0;"Race Number ";r
70 DIM d(p)
80 FOR a=1 TO p: LET d(a)=INT (RND*10)+1
90 PRINT "The Odds On ";h$(a)
100 PRINT "to win are ";d(a);":1"
110 NEXT a
120 GO SUB 5000
130 PRINT AT 0,0;#1;" Press any key to continue"
140 PAUSE 0
150 CLS : CIRCLE INK 2;240,165,10: PLOT 240,155: DRAW INK 2;0
-140: FOR a=1 TO p: PRINT AT a*3+3,31;a: NEXT a
155 DIM c(p)
160 FOR a=1 TO p
170 PRINT AT a*3+2,c(a);a$;AT a*3+3,c(a);b$;AT a*3+4,c(a);c$
180 LET c(a)=c(a)+(1/d(a)+INT (RND*2))
185 IF c(a)>25 THEN GO TO 250
190 NEXT a
200 FOR a=1 TO p: BEEP .008,c(a)
210 PRINT AT a*3+2,c(a);a$;AT a*3+3,c(a);d$;AT a*3+4,c(a);e$
220 LET c(a)=c(a)+(1/d(a)+INT (RND*2))
225 IF c(a)>25 THEN GO TO 250
230 NEXT a
240 GO TO 160
250 LET w$=h$(a)
260 PAUSE 100: CLS
270 PRINT "The Winner is ";w$
280 PRINT "Owned by ";n$(a)
290 LET ws=d(a)*s(a)
300 PRINT "Who Wins $";ws: LET m(a)=m(a)+ws+s(a)
310 FOR z=1 TO 50: BEEP .008,z: BEEP .008,-z: NEXT z
320 NEXT r
330 CLS
340 LET tot=p: PRINT "At the end of the game "
350 FOR a=1 TO p
360 PRINT n$(a);" has ";m(a)
370 IF m(a)>tot THEN LET tot=m(a): LET win=a
380 NEXT a
390 PRINT "So the winner is ";n$(win)
400 PRINT "On ";h$(win)
410 PRINT "with $";m(win)
420 INPUT "Press ENTER for another game "; LINE a$: GO TO 30
990 STOP
5000 FOR z=1 TO 50: BEEP .002*p,z: BEEP .008,-z: NEXT z
5010 FOR a=1 TO p
5020 CLS
5030 PRINT "Horse:- ";h$(a)
5040 PRINT "Owner:- ";n$(a)
5050 PRINT "You have $";m(a)
5055 IF m(a)<1 THEN PRINT "You have no money so you cannot plac
e a bet ": PAUSE 150: NEXT a: RETURN
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5060 INPUT "How much money will you bet on the next race? $":s(
a): IF s(a)>m(a) THEN GO TO 5060
5070 LET m(a)=m(a)-s(a)
5080 NEXT a
5090 RETURN
8000 BORDER 4: PAPER 4: INK 9: CLS : BEEP .1,10: BEEP .2,15
8010 LET a$=" ABCD"
8020 LET b$=" EFGH"
8030 LET c$=" IJKL"
8040 LET d$=" EMNO"
8050 LET e$=" IPQ"
8060 PRINT AT 1,12;"ASCOT"
8070 INPUT "How many players? (max 5)": LINE p$: IF p$<"1" OR p$
>"5" THEN GO TO 8070
8080 LET p=VAL p$: DIM s(p): DIM m(p): DIM n$(p,10): DIM h$(p,15
)
8090 FOR a=1 TO p
8100 PRINT AT 5,3;"Type in name of player #":a
8110 INPUT "Max 10 letters "; LINE n$(a)
8120 LET m(a)=50: NEXT a
8125 CLS
8130 RESTORE 9200: FOR a=1 TO p
8140 READ h$(a): PRINT n$(a);" now owns "'h$(a)'"
8150 NEXT a
8160 PRINT AT 0,0;#1;" Press any key to continue": PAUSE 0
8990 RETURN
9000 FOR a=USR "a" TO USR "q"+7
9010 READ user: POKE a,user
9020 NEXT a: RETURN
9030 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,3
9040 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,1,113,207
9050 DATA 0,28,18,42,87,132,15,238
9060 DATA 0,0,16,248,60,124,199,131
9070 DATA 5,13,13,9,9,9,9,0
9080 DATA 9,16,0,144,157,178,192,192
9090 DATA 221,209,33,1,194,242,11,10
9100 DATA 128,0,0,0,0,0,0,128
9110 DATA 3,2,2,2,2,1,0,0
9120 DATA 192,192,96,32,16,32,0,0
9130 DATA 1,28,25,19,18,8,0,0
9140 DATA 128,128,128,0,0,0,0,0
9150 DATA 16,0,16,144,177,167,64,128
9160 DATA 69,1,1,1,194,246,20,20
9170 DATA 128,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
9180 DATA 128,128,128,128,128,84,0,0
9190 DATA 28,28,24,24,24,20,12,10,0
9200 DATA "Red Gin","Sumley Gilds","Sparkle","Danny Boy","Sherga
rt"
9998 RANDOMIZE USR 100: SAVE "ASCOT.BL" LINE 0: BEEP .4,15: REM
"DERBY DAY"

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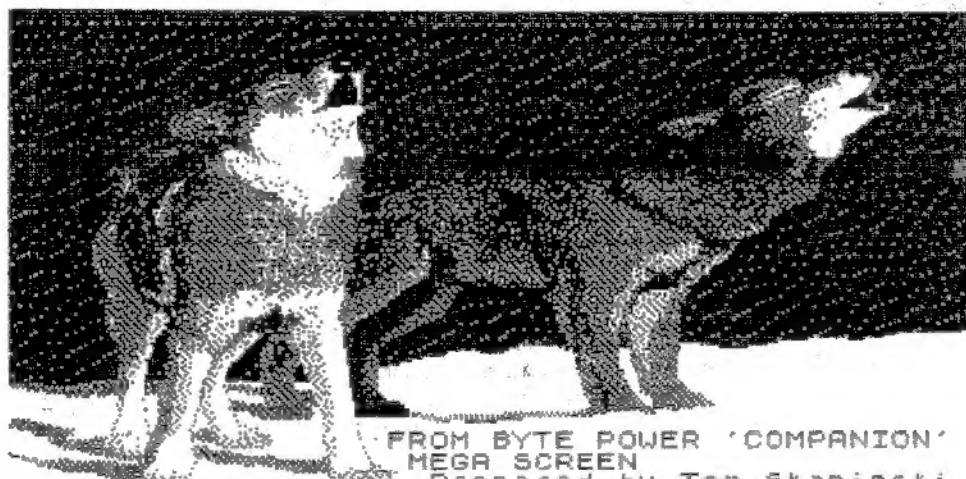
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